

OYSTERS—CLOSED SEASON

CHAPTER 92

S. B. No. 290

An Act amending Section 1 of Acts 1943, 48th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 102, House Bill No. 667, by adding Galveston and Chambers Counties to the provisions prescribing a closed season for taking oysters for market; repealing all laws in conflict; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 1 of House Bill No. 667, Acts 1943, 48th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 102, be and the same is hereby amended⁴ to read hereafter as follows:

"Section 1. Whoever shall take or catch oysters from the public beds or reefs of the public waters of Aransas, Nueces, Calhoun, Matagorda, Chambers and Galveston Counties for the market from the first day of May to the first day of September, or whoever shall fraudulently take or attempt to take oysters from the private oyster beds or reefs in Aransas, Nueces, Calhoun and Matagorda Counties without the consent of the owner of such private bed or reef, shall be fined not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars. Each day shall be a separate offense."

Sec. 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Sec. 3. The fact that present laws do not provide an adequate season for the harvesting of oysters in Chambers and Galveston Counties and the crowded condition of the calendar create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring that bills be read in each House on three separate days be and the same is hereby suspended; and this Act shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage; and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, April 2, 1953: Yeas 25, Nays 0; passed the House,

April 21, 1953: Yeas 134, Nays 5.

Approved May 1, 1953.

Effective May 1, 1953.

CITIES AND TOWNS—ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY

CHAPTER 93

H. B. No. 244

An Act to re-enact and amend Section 1 of House Bill No. 168, Chapter 243, page 451, Acts of the Fifty-first Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, codified as Article 974—G, Section 1, Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the annexation, by all cities and towns, with the consent of the owner or owners of land or territory, to the extent of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile in width, which is vacant and without residents, or on which less than three (3) qualified voters reside, contiguous and adjacent to any incorporated city or town; providing that this Act shall be cumulative of other laws on the subject of annexation of territory by cities and towns; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 1 of House Bill No. 168, Chapter 243, page 451, Acts of the Fifty-first Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, codified as

4. Vernon's Ann.P.C. art. 978j note.

Article 974—G, Section 1, Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, is hereby re-enacted and amended ⁵ so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 1. The owner or owners of any land or territory, to the extent of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile in width, which is vacant and without residents, or on which less than three (3) qualified voters reside, contiguous and adjacent to any incorporated city or town within this State, may by petition in writing to the governing body of such city or town request the annexation of such contiguous and adjacent land and territory, describing the same by metes and bounds, said petition to be duly acknowledged as required for deeds by each and every person or corporation having an interest in said land. The governing body of such city or town shall thereafter, and not less than five (5) and not more than thirty (30) days after the filing of such petition, hear such petition and the arguments for and against the same, and grant or refuse such petition as such governing body may see fit. If such governing body shall grant such petition, the said governing body by proper ordinance may receive and annex such territory as a part of such city or town. Thereafter the territory so received and annexed shall become a part of such city or town, and the said land and any future inhabitants thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of such city or town, and shall be bound by the acts and ordinances of such city or town. If such petition shall be granted and the ordinance hereinabove mentioned adopted by such governing body, a certified copy of such ordinance together with a copy or a duplicate of such petition shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such city or town is situated."

Sec. 2. The provisions of this Act shall be cumulative of all other laws on the subject of annexation of land or territory by incorporated cities and towns in the State.

Sec. 3. The fact that the present laws make no provision for the annexation of land or territory, by cities and towns above five thousand (5,000) in population, which is unoccupied or which is occupied by less than three (3) qualified voters where the owners request such annexation, the importance of this Act and the crowded condition of the Calendar create an emergency and imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, March 25, 1953: Yeas 134, Nays 0; passed the Senate, April 20, 1953: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 1, 1953.

Effective May 1, 1953.

5. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 974—g.